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Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

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Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

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THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. E. W. Caswell, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young Peopel's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. on Wednesdays. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m.

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PENINSULA NEWS.

Several Real Estate Transfers in Cecil County.

LAMP EXPLODES IN A CHURCH

A Preacher Blown Out of Bed by an Exploding Hot Water Bottle—Lewes Will Most Likely Have Steamboat Facilities, Etc.

Laurel's electric light plant will be in operation by August 1st.

Closing exercises of the State College for Colored Students, near Dover, will be held on Thursday afternoon, May 31.

Rev. Sam Jones, of Georgia, will exhort sinners three times daily July 18 and 19 at Levinas woods campmeeting near Milton.

Colonel George H. Burton, Inspector General at Havana, Cuba, who discovered the irregularities in the post office there, is spending a few days at his old home in Millsboro.

Commencement exercises at the Wilmington Conference Academy, at Dover, will begin on Sunday, June 10, with the baccalaureate sermon, in Wesley M. E. Church, by Rev. Dr. Vaughan S. Collins, the principal.

W. J. Hunter, ex-postmaster of New Castle, was attacked by three negroes at an early hour Sunday morning on the causeway, near Wilmington while on his way home after having missed the last car, and relieved of about $200 and a gold watch and valuable papers.

The Smyrna House Hotel, one of the largest hotel properties on the Peninsula, was sold on Saturday through Attorney Thomas C. Frame of Dover, by Dominick McElwee and wife to Cyrus P. Gears. The cash considered was $8,000. Mr. Gears is the present occupant.

Alexander McFadden, an iron founder, who died recently in Philadelphia, left $1,000 to the trustees of St. John's Episcopal Church, Cecil county, to be used in building an iron fence along the roadside of the graveyard. He left $500 to Cherry Hill M. E. Church, Cecil county.

The names of the following Cecil County people appear in the financial Red Book which purports to give the names of all persons whose wealth amounts to $500,000: Mrs. Elizabeth Groome, of Elkton; Henry H. Brady, Chesapeake City; Capt. Andrew Woodal, and Mrs. Evelyn Tome, of Port Deposit.

The formal transfer of the plant of the Edge Moor Bridge Works to the American Bridge Company was made Monday. The new company was chartered under the laws of New Jersey and controls several large building works. The money consideration was $321,247 and the local company secures a large block of stock of the American Company.

Members of Industry Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bear Station, were surprised on visiting their lodge room Monday night to find it newly furnished. It was a clever surprise given them by the members of the order in Wilmington, who took that means of replacing the furniture of the lodge, which was recently destroyed by fire.

R. C. Purvis, of Laurel Springs, N.J. has purchased of the Rawlins heirs the Middleford mill property three miles from Seaford, and will erect a factory to manufacture tinware brass and nickelware. He will give over twenty-five hands employment on the start and gradually increase the number. Work on the site will be commenced in the fall.

Wendell Turner, the 7 year old son of Mr. Turner, of Nanticoke, Md., broke his right arm the other day in falling from a mule. At the time of the accident he and his three brothers were at their home barn yard, where two young high spirited mules were kept. Bridleless the three older boys in turn had mounted the mules and were riding them around the yard in Apache Indian fashion. Wendell, the youngest of the brothers, excited by the fun of the others had dared the feat of the reckless riders. When attempting some capers on the animal's back, he fell on hard ground, where he lay unconscious until revived shortly afterward, at the house, by Dr. Quay who pronounced his arm broken. This young boy seems to have a most unfortunate lot in the category of serious accidents. But a few months since he fell from a second story window, fracturing his skull, and thereby barely escaping death. Two weeks ago a mistaken dose of aconite was given him to which he almost succumbed, and now this recent mishap.

An exploding lamp caused excitement at the Lewes M. E. Church last Sunday night and a serious conflagration was bravely averted. The church was well filled with people, but most of them were in the lower room, while the explosion occured in the auditorium. Comparatively good order was maintained and no one was hurt. The damage to the church was slight. Harry Wilson was burned about the hands in getting the broken lamp out of the room.

Rev. Charles Edward Raymond, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, Cumberland Md., was blown from his bed Saturday by the explosion of a hot water bottle. He was confined to his bed with pleurisy, and being directed to apply a hot water bottle to his side, asked a servant girl to prepare it for him. She filled the bottle with three parts of scalding water. As the minister placed the bottle to his side it exploded with a loud report. He was hurled from the bed and terrible scalded. It is feared he will not recover.

The Lewes River Improvement Company, which organized last year for the purpose of opening up a new mouth for Lewes creek, and make it more convenient for steamers to run to Lewes and Milton, is also at work on the project, and Lewes will likely have steamboat lines this season. The bar row neck of land between the bay and creek at a point just above the woodland known as the "Cedar." Scoops with horses to draw them are being used to take off the first dirt, but a steam digger will be put to work next week. The only difficulty that confronts the promptors will be to keep the mouth open. There is no such speculation about it, and a great many people don't believe that it can be done unless at a very great expense.

With her clothing and the rural stage in which she was riding aflame, a woman passenger had a thrilling though brief experience Saturday while going to Fair Hill Md. The bottom of the stage was covered with straw and the driver of the vehickle was smoking a cigar. This combination caused all the trouble. A spark from the cigar, ignited the straw, and soon the woman's dress was burning. The fair passenger screamed, the driver lashed his horse and the swiftly moving vehicle began to burn like tinder. As the seconds sped by the woman became more alarmed, and the two minutes it took the horse to draw his fiery load into Snow Hill seemed like an age to her. But the driver's lusty yells for help were quickly responded to, and the blazing occupant of the stage was hurried from the flaming vehicle. Most of her outer clothing was torn off in desperate efforts to save her life. As it was the woman was severely burned but will recover. Meantime the stage was being swiftly devoured by the flames. The United States mail bag and several valuable express packages were also prey of the flames. The loss is $500.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the Clerk's office at Elkton: Robert Kay to John T. Hearn, land at Baldwin station, $200; John Barnes and others to Charles Lechler, interest in "Fishery Farm" in First district, $1650; W. T. Warburton, attorney, to Mary L. Mitchell, Cunningham property in Sixth district $1741; Charles S. Kinsey, of Philadelphia, Pa., to Eugene R. Valentine, three tracts of land on Elkton-Turkey Point road, $6000; Margaret Hand, Wilmington, Del., to Robert C. Simpers house and lot at North East, $850; Hiram W. Shallcross to Charles W. Bayard, property in North East, $1037; John A. McCullough to William R. Griffing, lot at Polot, $315; Frederick Page to Hiram W. Shallcross, property in North East, $1000; Samuel L. Danny to Edward E. Rock, lot of land at Sylmar, $90; Perryville Real Estate and Improvement Company to Annie E. Knight, house and lot at Perryville, $1000; Rev. Adam Stengle, of Smyrna Del., to the Jacob Tome Institute, property in Port Deposit, $1300; Henry C. Nesbitt to Jacob Tome Institute property at Port Deposit, $1000; Evelyn S. Tome to Jacob Tome Institute, at Port Deposit farm $16,434 54; John S. Holly to Jacob Tome Institute, property in Port Deposit, $212.50; Benjamin S. Brown to Jacob Tome Institute, property in Port Deposit, $800; John J. Buck to Jacob Tome Institute property in Port Deposit, $32,000.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

The Cuban Postal Shortage Has Been Greatly Exaggerated.

McKINLEY PRAISES GEN. OTIS

Senator Lodge Makes a Speech Declaring That This Country Will Defend the Monroe Doctrine.—Gov. Roosevelt Still Popular.

WASHINGTON, May 14th, 1900.

Democrats are saying, on the quiet, many harsh things about Senators Butler and Pettigrew, who are charged with responsibility for the nomination of Towne for Vice President, by the Sioux City Populist Convention. Publicly they are afraid to express opinions about Towne's nomination.

Senator Spooner has, according to the understanding in Washington, secured the honor of presenting President McKinley's name to the Philadelphia Convention. He is well fitted to do justice to the subject and to the occasion. Among the prominent men who will make speeches seconding the nomination will be Gov. Roosevelt, of New York.

Governor Roosevelt's visit to Washington has demonstrated that he is one of the most popular men in public life. This was shown wherever he went, and his popularity is by no means confined to Republicans. When he went to the Capitol he was greeted quite as cordially by Democrats as by members of his own party.

President McKinley hears a great deal of political talk just now from his callers, many of whom he surprises by his intimate knowledge of political conditions in their States. Col. W. T. Durbin, Republican candidate for Gov. of Indiana, who was one of his late callers, assured the President that the Republican party of that State was in splendid condition and would carry the State by a handsome majority.

Representative O'Grady introduced a delegation from Rochester, N. Y., to President McKinley. They extended an invitation to the President to attend the banquet to be given in honor of Gen. Otis, June 15th, and he told them he would consider it a privilege to join in honoring Gen. Otis, whose work in the Philippines entitled him to the unstinted praise of the American people, but for the fact that he did not think any person should be present, who, by reason of superior rank, would share the honors intended for Gen. Otis alone.

That shortage in the accounts of C. F. W. Neeley, who has been financial agent of the Cuban Postal System, has been greatly exaggerated. The full report of Col. Burton, of the Inspector General's Department of the army, who discovered the shortage, is in the hands of Secretary Root. It shows a shortage of $36,000 for the current year and implicates nobody but Neely, who is under arrest and will be speedily tried and punished, if found guilty. That is the whole story, which has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance by the Democratic press for the purpose of trying to make political capital. President McKinley has directed Gen. Wood to make a thorough investigation of all Cuban Financial accounts, and there will be no chance for any guilty man to escape exposure and punishment. Mr. A. L. Lawshe, Deputy Auditor for the Post Office Department has been ordered to Cuba to take the place of the Auditor of Cuban Postal accounts, who has been suspended during the investigation.

Senator Lodge made a short speech while the Naval Appropriation bill was being discussed by the Senate, which is regarded as an official notice to Europe that this Government is prepared to fight to maintain the Monroe Doctrine, if necessary, which was supplemented by Senator Daniel, with a few remarks, showing that the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, is the one important question upon which there is no political division in the Senate. Incidentally Mr. Lodge served notice on Germany that no dickering for the possession of the Danish West Indies would be tolerated by this government. It was not a jingo speech, but a plain statement of the situation. Said Mr. Lodge: "My reason for desiring more ships and desiring them quickly is my belief that the safety of the United States depends upon the strength of our Navy. We do not need the Navy for the protection of our insular possessions. The danger lies in our great coast line and in the defense of the Monroe Doctrine in this hemisphere." Of the relation of a stronger Navy to the Isthmian Canal, Mr. Lodge said: "We are about to enter upon the construction of an Isthmian canal, and we must be the naval masters of the Carribean sea. We must have a more powerful fleet than we have to-day. The safety of the canal depends upon the strength of our navy. All admit that the canal ought to be built, and the time is near when the work will be begun. If we are to protect the canal as well as our own coast, we must have a navy proportionately strong. I hope and believe that we shall have no war, but a great fleet is the best insurance of peace. However, we would be foolish, indeed, if we should close our eyes to the possibilities of the situation. We could never allow the Danish islands to pass into any other hand than ours. Any European nation which should undertake to take possession of those islands, right on the road to the Canal, and to make them a great naval station, would by that very act become an enemy of ours. We could submit to no such thing as that." The speech made a sensation in diplomatic circles, and was cabled in full to all of the great European powers.

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The Rock Island Springs a Surprise on the Colorado Lines at To-day's Meeting.

The Trans-Missouri Committee of the Western Passenger Association is holding its annual meeting at the Brown Palace Hotel. A surprise was sprung on the committee at the morning session, by General Passenger Agent Sebastian, of the Rock Island. Beginning about June 20, the Rock Island will run four excursions from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha to Colorado common points, making the rate of one fare plus $2 for the round trip and return limit of October 31 on the tickets. These excursions will be run as special excursion trains and about the same dates return excursions will be run from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo to the Eastern points, the same rate prevailing, thus enabling Colorado people desiring to do so to make tourists trips East during the summer with the same advantages granted Eastern tourists who come West.

Reduced Rates to Camden, Indiana, via Pennsylvania R. R.

For meeting of Old Order of German Baptist Brethren at Camden, Indiana, June 3 to 5, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 31 to June 3, inclusive, excursion tickets to Camden, Indiana, from stations on its lines west of Baltimore Md., (not inclusive), west of and including Lancaster and Reading, and from stations south of and including Sunbury, at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning until July 5, inclusive.

Reduced Rates to North Manchester, Ind., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For meeting of German Baptist Brethren, at North Manchester, Ind., May 29 to June 9, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place special excursion tickets on sale May 29 to June 3, 1900, from stations west of Baltimore (not inclusive), and Lancaster and Reading (inclusive), and south of and including Sunbury, at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning until July 1, inclusive.

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COLORED MAN BECOMING WHITE.

Remarkable Experience of Warren Jackson, of Odessa, who Now Has Only a few Black Spots on His Body.

Warren Jackson, colored, of Odessa, who is gradually losing his black skin, and is turning white, was the centre of attraction in the county court room yesterday afternoon. He was the prosecuting witness against Walter Hunter, colored, who was accused of shooting him in the eye, destroying the sight. Jackson is more white than black. The only spots noticeable at first glance are two about the size of silver quarters under the eyes and several spots which could pass as freckles. His forehead is fair, his jaws and the back of his neck are clear and white, although there are a few small spots on the jaw and a few black lines on the nose. Jackson did not seem to relish the attention he was attracting, and did not care to talk about his change of color.

He said he was about 25 years old. Both of his parents were black, and when he was born he was as black as they. He was like any other colored boy until he became six years old, when a white spot about the size of an egg appeared in the middle of his back. Nothing was thought of it at the time, but it gradually spread as the boy grew, until his whole body was white. His feet still have some black on them. His face was the last to change, and it will not be many years before it is entirely white. The back of the hands are white, but there are black streaks on the fingers.

His scalp is white, but the hair is still kinky and he has the thick lips of the negro. When Jackson's body was about half white his parents took him to a physician, who told them the change of color was due to a disease of the inner skin. The outer skin does not peel off, but the coloring matter beneath seems to disappear. It is said there is a girl in Odessa who is turning white. She is the young daughter of George Purnell, a well-known colored man.

People who passed Jackson on the street yesterday turned around and stared at him and from the time he left the Court House until he arrived at the French street station people looked at him in wonder.

His assailant was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.—Morning News.

"Murder will out." Impurities of the blood will also be sure to show themselves unless expelled by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

TO FIRST VOTERS

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 19, 1900.

THE General Conference of the M. E. Church having decided to elect two new Bishops has been several days voting without a decision.

It sounds rather funny to hear the Addicks papers say that the only thing in the way of Republican harmony is the Senatorial aspirations of Henry A. du Pont, while every Regular Republican in Delaware says that Addicks is the only stumbling block to party unity.---*Sussex Journal.*

CLARK, of Montana, whose seat was to be declared vacant played a trick upon "senatorial courtesy" this week. He resigned dramatically and had himself appointed to fill the vacancy by the Lieutenant-Governor before night. Part of the trick was to get the Governor out of the State so that the Lieutenant-Governor might act. It is believed the Senate will not admit him.

OUR APOLOGY.

For the slight absence of THE TRANSCRIPT'S usual amount of news matter we have to charge the painter and grainer and paper hanger. Mrs. Fannie Clayton Williams is having the office put in order, both up and down stairs, and the compositors have had to work at a disadvantage. But come to see us when we get fitted up in our "new" rooms, and the columns of THE TRANSCRIPT will also reflect the beautiful patterns of paper, etc. Kindly accept our explanations for any remissness this week.

IS THERE ANY HONOR?

The Wilmington Sun says editorially: "Upon the theory that 'every man has his price,' it may be set down that every man may be bought. It follows, as a logical sequence, that those who are not bought either hold themselves at a price beyond their value, or are not worth the buying at any price."

This is the insulting opinion of the chief organ of J. Edward Addicks. This is the paper which is misrepresenting Republicans in Delaware. This paper demands the election of Addicks to the Senate by the aid and consent of all Republicans or its party will turn over the State to the Democrats as it turned over the city of Wilmington to that party last June. That is their intention. They will buy Rebublicans where they can, and bribe Democrats to gain their point.

With the Sun not only "Every man has his price" but every woman also. That is the conclusion. Bah! Can honest men and virtuous women in any way endorse such belief?

ERRORS ACCEPTED.

"The McKinley project of uniting the two Republican factions of this State into one harmonious whole does not as yet seem to have materialized.

The Addicks men have made liberal offers in harmony, if they could be believed to be sincere, but they have in every instance been refused. There seems no common ground upon which they can meet, one demanding the elimination of Addicks and the other refusing to entertain a proposition the granting of which would result in the utter destruction of their factional organization."—Delaware Democrat.

Here is an instance of false statement by frequent repetition accepted as truth. We do not believe the "Democrat" intends to misrepresent.

President McKinley never had a "project" such as the Democrat" names. Directly after the Addicks convention Mr. Addicks and Mr. Allee went to Washington and stated they had an interview with the President. They gave out certain "statements" —that is all.

The "Addicks men have made liberal offers of harmony"never. The "Democrat" cannot name No Addicks paper can name them. They always demand the lion's share. They said it must be

Hoffecker for Governor,
Willis for Congress,

in 1896. No compromise. No "liberal offer."

In this year of grace Addicks demands the

Long term senatorship for Addicks
The Governor and Lieut. Governor.

Where is the liberal offer"? Is not the statement by the Georgetown paper an error given credit by frequent false claims by the Addicks papers?

NOT "WORRY" BUT INTEREST.

THE TRANSCRIPT has on several occasions called attention to the failure of the "Morning News" to correct gross false political claims made by "irresponsible and degenerage newspapers"—claims which often repeated gain credit where the "News is not willing to admit it possible. It is because THE TRANSCRIPT and "News" differ in opinion that reference has been made to the seeming indifference of the "News" to the false capital gained by such stories. THE TRANSCRIPT is not "worrying". It believes a lie may outrun the truth any day; hence it believes in correcting erronious statements even by "degenerate newspapers." Here are the views of the "Morning News".

THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT is still worring because "The Morning News" does not waste time and bandy words with irresponsible and degenerate newspaper scribblers who insist upon misrepresenting political history and distorting well-known facts.

The reputable and intelligent citizens of Wilmington understand the political situation and they are not to be swerved by any number of falsehoods or any volume of personal vituperation that may be poured forth. The situation to-day so far as it concerns the Republican party in Delaware is of vital concern to the people of the state. The history of recent political events is well known to every man who is interested in public affairs, and no amount of falsification can alter the situation or change the facts. We do not consider that it is our duty to stoop to the low level of those who misrepresent the Republicans of the State and who have no regard for Republican principles and no care for Republican victory. We laid our course several years ago and we have stood by it in spite of falsehood and misrepresentation by others. We believe we have been right from the start and we believe we are right now. Our record is open to the public and the files of "The Morning News" will reveal that we have always stood for the best interests of the state and for the welfare of the Republican party.

A dignified consideration of a serious public question is far more effective than a continual deluge of words or a daily budget of contradictions. No self-respecting man can afford to bandy words with a blackguard and no self-respecting newspaper should be expected to take cognizance of every willful perversion of facts that may be made. The truth is known here and the truth will prevail.

The Republican party is passing through a grievous trial, but in the end it will come out with honor and dignity. We propose to maintain our self-respect in the future as we have in the past. Better defeat with honor than victory with dishoner."

OUR ANSWER.

We wish to prove our position correct. We expect the "News" to permit us to do so in our own way and without reply. We do not compare our statements to those made by the "Sun" nor admit any "irresponsibility." We believe the position assured by the "News" has already lost Delaware to the Republicans because of its failure to correct false political claims. It may do so again.

From week to week THE TRANSCRIPT will add items, not to injure or misrepresent the "News", for "the intelligent citizens of Wilmington understand" and no further explanation is necessary.

Item! 1. Last week the "Morning News" published a statement from Dover with much flavor and without editorial comment, that the Union Republican delegates were prospectively to be admitted to the Philadelphia Republican Convention, their State Committee having been recognized by the Congressional Committee and by Secretary Dick. This gave comfort to the "enemy." The "irresponsible and degenerate newspaper" could not have done it so well. Since the "Every Evening" and, under former management, the "Evening Journal" frequently charged the "News" with Addicks leanings, especially in its business office, the whole matter had that aspect. Of course several days thereafter the 'News" following other papers corrected its own error by announcing that the Republican delegates to Philadelphia had been put on the regular list and that Addicks must contest from the outside.

The whole thing had a peculiar color so far as the "News" Dover letter was concerned, but of course the "people understand" and no explanation is necessary.

CANAL STOCK.

For many years the State of Maryland has carried, on its books as unproductive assets, $82,250 in stock of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, which traverses Cecil county, Md., and this county. Governor Smith purposes to make a trip through the canal and investigate its affairs, and later compel payment of dividends on the State's interest.

The company was chartered by the Legislature of Maryland in 1799. The neccessary stock had been subscribed in 1803, when work began under the direction of Benjamin H. Latrobe, the distinguished architect of the Capitol at Washington, and grandfather of ex-Mayor F. C. Latrobe who was elected engineer.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal connects the headwaters of the Chesapeake bay with Delaware river. It is about 25 miles long, extending from Back creek, a tributary of Elk river, to Delaware river, entering the river at a point about 36 miles below Philadelphia.

The work completed and the water was turned in on the 4th of July, 1829. It was until the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad has completed a portion of the great highway from New York through Philadelphia and Baltimore to Washington and the South.

Need Not Kneel When Praying.

Kneeling at the attitude in prayer has ceased to be an exaction in the Methodist Church. Delegate Tindall, of Nebraska, is a believer in the devout kneeling form, and sought to correct the tendency of the latter day Methodists in departing from the ancient custom by introducing a resolution in the General Conference meeting in Chicago embracing the direction in the discipline. The Conference refused to declare "we are as much as ever in favor of observing" the kneeling attitude. On a vote the more easy leaning of the body toward the back of the pew in front was approved.

The General Conference on Wednesday decided to elect two bishops. The question of increasing the number of bishops precipitated an exciting discussion. Chief Justice Lore participated in the debate. He said: The question is "Are more bishops necessary?" I cannot forget our one work is to win souls, no matter what the additional work of the episcopacy is. I am willing to trust in the board we already have and in the Lord. If we cannot trust God or the episcopacy of the Methodist Church, I don't know on what foundation we stand. Don't let the Methodist Church get megacephalous.

Last Tuesday while Hoffman Magee was hauling lumber for Collins' sawmill, near Fairmount, his foot slipped and he fell prostrate to the ground. Before he could arise, the heavy timber wheels had run lengthwise over his body and head. His body was severely mashed and his skull crushed. A physician was promptly sent for, but his death soon resulted.

LATE PENINSULA NEWS.

The Liquor License Commissioners of Cecil County on Tuesday granted a hotel license to Delphos Price, of Elkton, for a hotel at Fair Hill, Fourth district.

John T. Duhamell, a prominent farmer of the First district, Cecil county, died at his home near Earleville on the 7th, aged 58 years. A widow and five children survive him.

Captain Ludlum, with his two fish pounds, has far exceeded any previous record here. Notwithstanding a large force he has been unable to empty the nets. Over 100 barrels daily are shipped. To see great boat loads, each containing 10,000 pounds of trout, weighing from two to twelve pounds each, brought to shore and this daily, is a scene worth a visit from any distance.

The rumor that the Pennsylvania Railroad has purchased the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad, which line extends across the Delaware Peninsula from Woodland Beech to Chestertown, has been revived by the announcement of meeting on Saturday, May 26, at Chestertown, of all the stockholders of the latter road. The meeting was to have been held last Saturday, but was postponed to insure a full attendance.

The town of Milford was greatly excited Wednesday by a discovery of alleged gold deposits on the farm of Dr. Parvis, near Milford. While excavating for a cellar the shovels of the workmen struck a strata of sand which showed an unusual glittering. Samples were taken to jewelers in Frederica and Milford, and they said the sand contained gold. News of the find spread rapidly and persons for miles around visited the farm to see the gold, while neighbors began to dig on their own properties for gold. Quantities of the sand were taken to Milford, where it was inspected by men who have had experience in mining. James D. Abbot, who was employed in a Montana mine for eight years, says the stuff is iron pirates, or fools' gold, but others think it is genuine and are anxiously awaiting the report of the mint.

In the spring the birds are singing
As they build their summer home,
Blades of grass and buds are springing,
O'er the mead the cattle roam.
In the spring your blood is freighted
With the germs that cause disease,
Humors, boils, are designated
Signals warning you of these.
In the spring that tired feeling
Makes you every duty shirk,—
Makes you feel like begging, stealing,
Rather than engage in work.
But there's something known that will a
Man to health and vigor lead.
You will find Hood's Sarsaparilla
Just exactly what you need.

Excursion Rates to as Well as from the East.

The Rock Island Springs a Surprise on the Colorado Lines at To-day's Meeting.

The Trans-Missouri Committee of the Western Passenger Association is holding its annual meeting at the Brown Palace Hotel. A surprise was sprung on the committee at the morning session, by General Passenger Agent Sebastian, of the Rock Island. Reginning about June 20, the Rock Island will run four excursions from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha to Colorado common points, making the rate of one fare plus $2 for the round trip and return limit of October 31 on the tickets. These excursions will be run as special excursion trains and about the same dates return excursions will be run from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo to the Eastern points, the same rate prevailing, thus enabling Colorado people desiring to do so to make tourists trips East during the summer with the same advantages granted Eastern tourists who come West.

Mixing of Sweet and Field Corn.

I have been growing sweet corn for 20 years, and when I have planted sweet corn within the range of field corn I have had them more or less mixed. I grew field corn for market, and when the sweet corn came in range with it I would have a small strip of sweet corn, but it would conform to the size of the field corn. I am satisfied that they would mix the first year. —Charles Black, New Jersey.

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Constipation cured by Hood's Pills.

Reduced Rates to Camden, Indiana, via Pennsylvania R. R.

For meeting of Old Order of German Baptist Brethren at Camden, Indiana, June 3 to 5, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 31 to June 3, inclusive, excursion tickets to Camden, Indiana, from stations on its lines west of Baltimore Md., (not inclusive), west of and including Lancaster and Reading, and from stations south of and including Sunbury, at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning until July 5, inclusive.

Reduced Rates to North Manchester, Ind., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For meeting of German Baptist Brethren, at North Manchester, Ind., May 29 to June 9, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place special excursion tickets on sale May 29 to June 3, 1900, from stations west of Baltimore (not inclusive), and Lancaster and Reading (inclusive), and south of and including Sunbury, at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning until July 1, inclusive.

The Nitrogen Supply.

All nitrogen available for human use is taken from the air by certain bacteria (very lowly organized microscopic plants). The sole function of these nitrifying bacteria seems to be to take the free nitrogen and combine it into such simple chemical substances—e. g., the nitrates—as can be utilized as food by the higher plants. Through the action of the nitrifying bacteria only can nitrogen be made available for the higher plants and finally for man through the agency of the higher plants. Thus it is seen why the nitrogen available for human economy, though absolutely indispensable, is limited in amount and produced only by a very costly process.—G. W. Field.

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Nothing else adds so much to the charm of the drawing room or boudoir as the softly radiant light from CORDOVA Candles. Nothing will contribute more to the artistic success of the luncheon, tea or dinner. The best decorative candles for the simplest or the most elaborate function—for cottage or mansion. Made in all colors and the most delicate tints by
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How to Test Seed.

A simple germinating apparatus can be made from two ordinary plates and a piece of flannel cloth. Fold the cloth and lay it in one plate, placing the seeds between folds of the cloth, which should be moist, not dripping. Cover the whole with another plate inverted and stand in a warm place. During cold weather the temperature should not be much below 50 degrees F. at night and 65 or 70 degrees during the day. The seeds that have sprouted should be removed and counted every day. When the test is completed, the number of seeds sprouted can be compared with the number put in the test and the percentage of germination determined. Clover seeds, cereals and timothy should be tested for about ten days, while other grass seeds need 14 to 30 days.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists, 25c Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen Olmsted, LeRoy, N Y.

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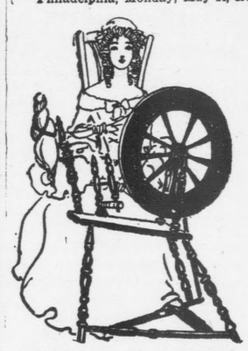
Philadelphia, Monday, May 14, 1900.



Housekeeping Linens

Here are some bargains, to show you what we are doing every day in the year—selling good linen—nothing but linen—at such prices as many a store would be glad to pay it we'd take our label off.

Years ago, when almost every one else was selling all sorts of trash for linen, we started selling nothing but linen; and that has built up such a big business that we can buy linen in such enormous quantities that regular prices here would be bargains anywhere else.

Towels.

12½c from 15c—fringed huck towels, 20x38 inches.

20c from 25c—white huck towels—19x39 inches, hemstitched, with initial woven into damask border.

Napkins.

55c a dozen, worth 70c. Austrian, 16x16 inches, fruit or lunch napkins.

$1.35 a dozen, bleached Irish napkins, 20x20 inches, formerly $1.50.

German, 24 inches square, a very fine napkin for medium grade. $2.50 a dozen.

Table linen.

65c a yard from 70c—Irish damask bleached, 68 inches wide.

$1 a yard—very fine Scotch damask, 2 yards wide.

Lunch cloths.

65c from $1, hemstitched, with open work running through the center—a mighty pretty thing to cover any summer table with.

German linen, hemstitched all around, 53 inches square, $1.40.

Tray cloths.

Plain Irish linen, hemstitched and with open-work, 18x27 inches, 25c—tried to buy more the other day and they wanted to charge us 26c.

Bureau scarfs.

Momie weave of German linen, with open-work and hemstitched ends, 20x68 inches, 50c.

These bargains may not sound very big to you; but, in giving the values, we are comparing them with the regular values of the cheapest linen-store in the United States.

Bicycles

Still some $40 *Lorraines* for $16—men's and women's.

More will be here sometime next week; but we can't say whether they will be men's or women's, or what size.

The *Orient's* the wheel for the man or woman who wants the best at any price.

$50; $65 for *Orient leader.*

Continental $25 (women's $26) is better than the Lorraine.

"Why you said the Lorraine's a $40 wheel."

So it is.

Rodman, $20 and $21.

Rodman Juvenile, $17.50, $20, $22.50, according to size of wheel.

Bicycle sundries, of all sorts, nearby, at fair prices.

Bamboo Porch Screens

Come and get one of these Oriental screens, and thank the Japs at your leisure while you sit in its shade on your porch this summer.

They're called *sidaris.* Made of the outside split (the shiny) part of the bamboo that doesn't discolor quickly from rain or dust.

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JOHN WANAMAKER.

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Boys' Odd Knee Pants, well made, the 25c and 35c kinds are 18c, the 50c kinds are 35c, the 75c Serges are 59c.

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All the Newest

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Jackets in blacks, tans, castors and in the newest effects from $5.50 to $13.50.

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They will cheerfully give all the information possible to those interested in the business, whether they wish to buy stock, or merely to learn what is going on.

The assets of the corporation, which at this time are over $50,000, is a guarantee of the payment of the principal and interest on this issue of preferred stock, which in my judgment makes this a first class investment.

We wish to place the remainder of this stock at once, and therefore urge those who are thinking of making the investment to do so now, as we will not offer this to the public much longer. Par value One Hundred Dollars per share, guaranteeing six per cent. per annum, cumulative, payable semi-annually.

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40 " " " 30.
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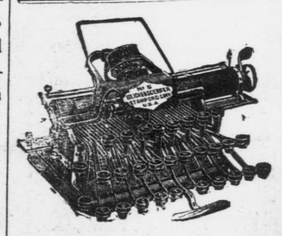

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.50, 9.15 and 10.24 a. m.; 4.16 and 5.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.08 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.26, 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.04 a. m., 3.55 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
5.40 p. m., lock pouch to Wilmington and Philadelphia.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.45 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.10 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 19, 1900.

Local News.

SPRING chickens will soon be on the market.

WANTED.—A good colored cook for city. Apply to W. R. Reynolds.

THE carpenters and painters, also the paper hangers, are very busy in town just at present.

POTATO bugs are watching agricultural operations with considerable anxiety these days.

THERE has never as yet been any uneasiness about the weed crop. We are always sure of an abundance.

COUNTY Auditors Churchman and Kurtz have made their report to Judge Spruance and 1200 copies were ordered priated.

For the choicest beef in town go to John Armstrong's. He has just what you want. Also a full line of groceries. Remember his new store.

READ every word of Mr. C. H. Workman's new advertisement in this paper. He carries a full line of stock at his store in Odessa. Read every word of his adv. without fail.

ALL DAY SERVICES.—The all-day services for this year will be held at Drawyer's Church, near Odessa, on Sunday, June 3d. It is hoped that these services will be as largely attended as in former years.

John Armstrong has introduced the meat business in connection with his line of groceries. He carries a line of good, tender and juicy steak that does not require a hammer and wedge to chew. Give him a trial.

WON ITS SUIT.—The Odessa National Bank Thursday won its suit to compel the assignment by William Taylor's administrators of vouchers for $3000 worth of lumber sold by Taylor to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 34, 1900: Ladies — Miss Ida K. Harris, Miss Rebecca Mill, John Emory, Edward Thay.

JOHN W. JOLLS, P. M.

BROKE ITS ARM.—The one-year-old daughter of Mr. J. Berkman, the notion merchant, fell off the door steps the other day and broke its left arm. It certainly looks pitiful to see the little child carrying its arm in a sling, but it does not seem to mind it.

AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.—Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, bishop of Wilmington, will be in Middletown to-morrow. He will preach a sermon and administer the rites of confirmation at St. Annes P. E Church in the evening. All are cordially invited.

DENTAL EXAMINATION.—Governor Tunnell appointed as members of the State Board of Dental Examiners Drs. R. C. Jones and C. R. Jeffries, of Wilmington, and Drs. T. H. Gilpin and John C. Stites, of Middletown. Their term is four years. Lambert T. Lynch of Selbyville, was appointed Regulator of Weights and Measures for Sussex County.

WAS NOT PROSECUTED. — John Bartley, the young colored boy who was accused of stealing brass and pipe from the Opera House Building, was discharged from court last Wednesday, Jacob B. Maxwell, the prosecutor, not wishing to appear against him. It is to be hoped that this will learn the boy a lesson and that instead of running around town in bad company he will go and help his blind father to make a living. It was only for his father's sake that the charge was not pressed.

MOGULLIANS HERE. — About 20 members of Wilmington Conclave of Mogullians arrived in town Tuesday evening on the 7.50 train. They came for the purpose of initiating 24 new members into the local lodge and also to have some fun. They did both. While here the visiters were royally entertained. Leslie V. Christy and Wilbur F. Sasse, both of Wilmington Conclave, took part in a tableau, in the course of which bouquets were showered at them by their Wilmington friends. Refreshments was served after which they left on the 3.30 a. m. train for their homes.

THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL. — The 150th anniversary of Forest Presbyterian Church was fittingly celebrated during the first part of the week by the congregation of that church. The program and other arrangements as published in this paper last week were successfully gone through. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the pastor, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., for his hard and untiring efforts during the celebration of this event. The altar of the church was handsomely decorated with flowers for the occasion, and during the different services excellent music was rendered by the choir. The addresses made by the different speakers were exceptionally fine and were attentively listened to by the large audiences present. The soprano and organ recital on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nassau was something exceedingly fine and that part of the program was a fitting final to an event long to be remembered by the Presbyterians and others of this vicinity. The church on that evening was crowded and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed that part of the program. The services drew to a close on Wednesday evening with a general song and praise service which was held in the lecture room and was also quite largely attended.

STRAW hats and light clothing have made their appearance.

CONSULT the Sassafras river time table for temporary change.

Give us a chance to do your job printing. Our rates are very reasonable.

MR. GARRETT ELLIS has resigned as clerk in the grocery store of W. T. Connellee.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

THE Philhamanic orchestra, assisted by the Temple Quartet, of Wilmington, will give a concert in the Opera House next Friday evening.

For choice beef call at the new stand of John Armstrong next to Parker's Harness store. His prices are reasonable, and meat tender.

The way to double the profits from your cows is to use an American Hand Separator. Write or call on J. F. McWhorter & Son for a special catalogue of same.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.—The anniversary exercises of the Epworth League of Bethesda M. E. Church will be held in that church to-morrow evening. You are all cordially invited to attend these services.

REINSTATED.—Conductor Ernest L. Maddox, Baggagemaster George Raughley and other men on the train which missed the signal and ran off the track as Ellendale about a month ago, have been reinstated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

HELLO, CENTRAL! — The second-story room of the building occupied by the Adams Express Company on Main street has been rented of Mr. L. C. Scott by the Diamond State Telephone Company. It will be used as an exchange office and is very well located for that purpose, being about in the central part of the town.

DOCTORS ADMITTED.—The Medical Examination Board representing the Delaware State Medical Society, met at Dover Tuesday and elected Dr. Irwin Vallandingham, of Middletown, president, and J. H. Wilson of Dover, secretary. Favorable action was taken on persons applying with diplomas and references from other States for license to practic in Delaware.

When buying a wheel why not buy it where you can get the best at lowest prices? Look at some of our leaders: Columbias, Hartfords, Ramblers, Clippers, Ideals, Genevas, Stearns, Barnes' White Flyers, Syracuse, Bradford and others. Sundries at the lowest possible prices. Pumps, 14c; Toe Clips, 8c; Pant Guards, 2 per pair; Tire Tape, 2c; Screw Drivers, 4c; other things in proportion. J. H. BURROWS, next to Express office.

FOR SALE.—1000 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Rose Potatoes.
500 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Beauty of Hebron.
500 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Ohio's.
1200 Bushels of Black Cow Peas.
1000 Bushels of White Seed Oats.
2200 Bushels of Western Re-cleaned Clover Seed.
300 Bushels of Seed Sweet Potatoes.
500 Bushels of Crimson Clover Seed.
JOSEPH E. HOLLAND,
Milford, Del.

WELL LIGHTED.—The railroad station is now well lighted up in the evenings and it makes a decided contrast to what it used to be with the oil lamps. There have been 15 lights installed there, seven of them being on the outside and the balance inside the building. They are of 24 candle power and show up well. The work of wiring the station was only begun a few days ago and it was rushed by the town employee. The contract is for five years instead of three as stated before, and the cost is $1400 a year for both light and water, which is quite a nice sum for the town to receive every year.

A FAST RUN.—Last Tuesday evening the special train that brought Superintendent R. L. Holliday and party here from Dover made a remarkably fast run on the up trip between the two towns. The train consisted of the superintendent's private car and one of the company's freight engines, and it took just 24 minutes to travel the distance, which is 22¾ miles. This time includes the starting and stopping of the train. The party came here as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, and they also attended the Sesqui Centennial of Forest Presbyterian Church. Before returning to the train they repaired to the National Hotel where a fine table was set for them in the dining room by the proprietor, Mr. John P. McIntyre. The table was handsomely decorated with a various assortment of cut flowers. The party from Dover included Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holliday, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Brown Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris.

RUNAWAY.—Last Tuesday afternoon a horse attached to a buggy belonging to Mr. Cornelius Davis, of near town, ran away and succeeded in causing Mr. Davis to buy a new buggy. The animal was hitched in front of the residence of Mr. Davis' sister, Mrs. Josephine Gary, on Lake street, when a passing wagon caused it to take fright and run away. The horse dashed along Church street and turned west on Main. In turning the corner the carriage upset and the top was broke off. The carriage, however, righted itself again, and the horse ran along Main street and into the yard of the Middletown Hotel, where the buggy struck one of the heavy brick balcony pillars and succeeded in partly twisting the lower part out of shape. Here the carriage was completely demolished, as was also the harness. The horse continued its mad run but was shortly afterwards caught and returned to Mr. Davis. In turning into the hotel yard several men were sitting in the shade there and they lost no time in reaching places of safety.

CRIMINAL Court in Wilmington adjourned yesterday, the shortest session on record.

J. K. Long wants wool, and will pay highest market price for it. Apply at the old stand, Middletown, Delaware.

MR. ALEXANDER MAXWELL, of this town, has announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature from St. Georges hundred on the Democratic ticket.

We now have in the Railroad Ware house a full assortment of different brands of Fertilizers suitable for Spring Crops, and can fill your order from one bag to ten tons on a minute's notice. Send along your wagons and we will load them at once. Office hours from 6.30 A. M., till 9 P. M.
JESSE L. SHEPHERD,
S. M. REYNOLDS, Agent.

A WISE GIRL.—No girl can afford either for her own surest happiness or for the comfort of mind of him who she marries, to wed a young man during the formally period of his life, which is between twenty and twenty-five. And she who withholds from a young man her consent to marriage until he has reached the first year of the beginning of wisdom is a mighty sensible little body, and acts in a manner which she will never have cause to regret as long as God gives her husband life.

HEAVILY FINED.—George Jackson, a negro farm hand formerly employed by Mr. Lea Sparks, near Odessa, was fined $25 and costs by 'Squire Reynolds on Thursday morning. It seems that the colored man worked for Mr. Sparks, as did also his wife. Last Saturday night Jackson was laid off and when he left he wanted his wife to go also, this she refused to do, claiming that she had a good home there and was perfectly satisfied and that he never did provide for her in the right manner. On Wednesday she received a note saying that someone was sick and requesting her to call and see them. That afternoon Mr. Sparks consented to take her to where the sick party was in his team, and on the way there they found Jackson hiding behind a turn in the road, beside there was no one sick. Jackson grabbed the horse and stopped the team and then tried to pull the woman out of the buggy. He also in trying to drag her out bruised her arms considerably. Mr. Sparks plied the whip to the horse but the man hung on for fully a mile, after which the woman's mother appeared on the scene and quieted matters somewhat. There were two charges against him, one for stopping a team on a public highway and the other for assaulting his wife. He was fined $10 on the former charge and $15 on the latter.

NECROLOGY.

MRS. MARY A. CARPENTER,

wife of Mr. John R. Carpenter, near Townsend, died last Monday. Her funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, interment being made in Townsend Cemetery It was largely attended. Services were held at the house.

REV. JOHN B. ROBERTS,

formerly of this town, died at the residence of his son, Charles S. Roberts, in Odessa, early Sunday morning. Mr. Roberts was in the 73d year of his age, and during life was a good Christian, nothing being too much for him to do to advance the work of Christ. He preached the Gospel several times here in Middletown while a resident here. Mr. Roberts was born at Glasgow in 1828, and shortly afterwards moved to Wilmington, where he remained for some time. He removed from there to North East, Md; at the age of 21 he married Miss Sarah A. Kirk, a Maryland lady. Since that time he has lived at Chesapeake City, Md., Philadelphia, Elkton, St. Georges, and in 1871 he moved to this town, succeeding his brother, Samuel W. Roberts, in the stove and tin business. Recently he went to Odessa on account of failing health. A widow and two sons survive him they being J. T. Roberts, of this town, and Charles S. Roberts, of Odessa. His funeral took place Wednesday afternoon and his remains were interred in Forest Cemetery. Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., of this town, of which he was a member, attended the funeral.

ORGANIC NITROGEN.

Saving Its Cost by Growing Cowpeas and Clover.

Many good farmers are coming to understand that in ordinary fruit culture nitrate of soda is about the only form of nitrogen they need to buy. By growing cowpeas and crimson clover and fertilizing them with rock and potash they can obtain a large supply of organic nitrogen which can be renewed year after year. If the plants give evidence that they need it, nitrate of soda can be plowed in, and the effect of this form of nitrogen is so rapid that a late application will fully keep up the yield. In this way many farmers can save the cost of organic nitrogen, provided they handle the cowpeas and clover to the best advantage and use enough of the minerals in connection with them.

In some cases orchard growers object to green manure in the orchard because, they say, it interferes with surface cultivation. The use of the cowpea may remove this objection. The cowpeas may be planted in drills or, like corn, in hills, three feet apart. This planting may be done about the 1st of June and the cultivator kept at work through the crop until the vines are too large to permit it to pass through. At the last cultivation a mixture of rape and crimson clover seed may be sown in the cowpeas and cultivated in. When it obtains a start, the pigs may be turned in to eat down the cowpeas, clover and rape and also destroy small and wormy apples. In this way we secure not only a green crop, but we are also able to cultivate thoroughly up to the middle of August. —H. W. Collingwood.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Guaranteed.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Miss Hackett, of Elkton, is visiting Mrs. Heaton.

Mr. D. L. Dunning attended the Sesqui-Centenial.

Mrs. Annie Scott, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Charles Stanger.

Miss Minnie C. Finley, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Eugenia Beaston.

Miss Bessie Clark, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Viola McWhorter.

The Misses Evans, of Newark, Del., spent Sunday with Miss Ada Cochran.

Mr. Joseph Corderey, of Town Point Md., was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. Abram Staats, of Taylor's Bridge was a Middletown visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Murphey, of the Quaker City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Hall.

Messrs. John C. and Samuel Kelley, of Philadelphia, visited their parents last Sunday.

Miss Lee, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Marion Cochran on East Main Street.

Mrs. Conlyn Eliason and son, of Baltimore, were recent guests of Mrs. Margaret Clayton.

The Misses Beasten entertained Mrs. Hannah Appleton, of Bear Station, during the past week.

Mrs. Eugene Hanson, of New York, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Cochran, on Green street.

Rev. W. C. Alexander, D. D., of Washington, D. C., attended the Sesqui-Centennial services of Forest Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bernard, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in this town as the guests of Mr. Edward Reynolds and family.

Consul General Samuel A. Macalister, of Barbadoes, who was severely hurt in a coaching accident, is recuperating in Wilmington.

Misses Mary and Letitia Buck, Messrs Thomas Buck and Ormsby Cleaver, of Philadelphia, were guests of Miss Mary Maxwell over Sunday.

Among the many visitors to the Sesqui-Centenial of Forest Presbyterian Church on Sunday were the three brothers of the pastor, Messrs. Henry, Edward and Samuel Moore, and his sister, Mrs. Finley, all of Philadelphia.

Cards will shortly be issued for the marriage of Mr. William P. Wilson, of Townsend, and Miss Maranda Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Holt, of this town. The ceremony will be performed on Decoration Day, May 30th.

GROWING TOMATOES.

Field Culture on a Large Scale For Canneries, Etc.

Everybody is familiar with tomatoes as a garden crop in a small way, but field culture for the use of canneries and wholesale consumers is a matter not so generally understood. Concerning this The Rural New Yorker advises thus:

Dates of planting vary with the latitude as a matter of course. In the canning districts about New York tomato seeds are planted for this purpose about April 1 in frames without bottom heat. They are sown in drills about seven inches apart. The soil has previously been made light and rich, and the seeds are covered half an inch deep and well packed with the pressure of a board on which the planter walks while planting the next row. The soil is then well watered, the sashes put on and kept rather close until the seedlings come up, after which abundant ventilation is given in clear weather. An average of 1,000 plants, requiring about one ounce of seed, is commonly grown under each ordinary sash, six feet by three. The plants should be kept well weeded and the space between the rows often stirred with a narrow hoe. Good plants can often be raised in seed beds in the open ground without the use of sashes, but the danger of loss by late frosts is too great to put much reliance on this method.

Good corn or potato land, especially if light and well drained, will usually produce satisfactory tomatoes in an average season. The field is plowed and harrowed in the usual manner about the middle of May and furrowed out in checks three feet apart each way. Fertilization is effected by putting a shovelful of composted manure or a handful of a complete chemical fertilizer in each check and incorporating it well with the soil. The plants are set out from May 25 to the middle of June, choosing dull weather when possible. The plants are taken to the fields standing in buckets of water and dropped by boys in the checks. They are firmly set by men following closely after.

If the plants are tall and drawn, they are layered to some extent—that is, they are laid nearly flat and the roots and stem covered with earth to within three or four inches of the top. Additional roots are thrown out from the buried stem, and the plant is less likely to suffer from dry weather. A better stand of tomatoes can be expected from transplanted plants, and by puddling the roots in thin, rich mud just before planting, but at the low prices ruling for the past few years the plants are generally transferred directly from the frames to the field with as little handling as possible. A larger proportion of plants will live under ordinary conditions where chemicals are used to fertilize the checks or hills than in the case of stable manure or composts, as there is less tendency to dry out at the roots before the plants become established, though the yield, especially late in the season, is rather in favor of animal manures.

Cultivation begins within a week after the plants are set and is continued after each rain or at intervals of ten days in dry weather until the growth of the vines interferes. One or two dressings with a hand hoe are generally needed to take out the weeds in the hills, and at the last working the hills are ridged up somewhat in order to keep the tomatoes from too close contact with the soil. The practice of pinching out the top of the growing plants to induce an early formation of laterals is not generally followed now, as it has not been found to add greatly to the yield. The tomatoes begin to ripen in August, and from that time until frost they are picked two or three times a week and hauled directly to the canneries or market. The contract price for several years has been varied from $5 to $8 per ton, according to locality. Six dollars is considered a fair price in northern New Jersey and usually yields a small margin of profit over expenses in the hands of an experienced grower.

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

ODESSA NOTES

Miss Elizabeth Temple is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mollie Fetterolph, at her home, Laughorn.

Mr. Joseph West Brown, of the Bell Telephone Co., of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. John W. Watkins, of Wilmington, was the guest of his father, Mr. Columbus Watkins, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchin, who has been the guest of Mrs Geo. L. Townsend for a week, departed on Friday for Milford where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Burgess and daughter Eleanor, of Ridley Park, Pa, are spending a week with Mrs. Burgess' father, Mr. William S. Van Dyke.

Quite a number from Odessa attended the Recital in Forest Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening and were much pleased with the entire program.

The Appoquinimink Tribe of Red Men will attend services in St. Paul's M. E. Church Sunday morning, where a special sermon will be preached to them by Rev. W. O. Hurst.

Among the numerous passengers who took advantage of the early trip of the Steamer Clio, Thursday were Mrs. Dickinson and daughter Mrs. Bertie, Miss Bertie Rose Mrs. Mollie Norton and Mr. Roy Roberts.

An Aid to Earliness.

One way in which a gardener may gain a little advance in earliness of vegetables, especially of heat lovers like beans, cucumbers and that class,

EARTH SHELTER FOR TENDER THINGS.

is to build a soil shelter, as shown in the accompanying cut from Vick. This consists merely of drawing up a ridge of earth to the north or windward side of the row as protection on the one hand from raw winds and on the other to catch the sun heat. The row can be thrown up with a small plow, care being taken not to have the soil fall over and cover the seed too deeply.

The Useful Toad.

"A single toad may destroy over 2,000 worms during the months of May, June and July, and one of these harmless creatures may well do a gardener service to the amount of $19.88 each season. Farmers in England buy them, paying as high as $24 a thousand, for use in their flower beds and gardens." This is the interesting estimate which Professor Hodge of Massachusetts puts upon the services of the humble toad.

Federal Judge E. G. Bradford was a prisoner a short time Sunday in the Federal Building in Wilmington. Judge Bradford went into his appartments and while there some one closed the lock on the iron gate. Messenger Dumpson happened by but did not have a key. He released the Judge by smashing the lock with an axe.

How's This?

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's family Pills are the best.

Ex-Mayor William T. Malster, of Baltimore, is said to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Second district to succeed Hon. W. B. Baker. He resides in the Twelfth ward, which is in this district, along with the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth. Mr. Malster is a native of Cecil county, where he has numerous friends, and he has supporters in Carroll also.—Westminister Advocate (Democratic).

"Out of Sight Out of Mind."

In other months we forget the harsh winds of Spring. But they have their use, as some say, to blow out the bad air accumulated after Winter storms and Spring thaws. There is far more important accumulation of badness in the veins and arteries of humanity, which needs Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great Spring Medicine clarifies the blood as nothing else can. It cures scrofula, kidney disease, liver troubles, rheumatism and kindred ailments. Thus it gives perfect health, strength and appetite for months to come.

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Dyspepsia—"Complicated with liver and kidney trouble, I suffered for years with dyspepsia, with severe pains. Hood's Sarsaparilla made me strong and hearty." J. B. EMERTON, Main Street, Auburn, Me.

Hip Disease—"Five running sores on my hip caused me to use crutches. Was confined to bed every winter. Hood's Sarsaparilla saved my life, as it cured me perfectly. Am strong and well." ANNIE ROBERT, 49 Fourth St., Fall River, Mass.

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Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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AND ALL WHO CONTEMPLATE BUYING A WHEEL.

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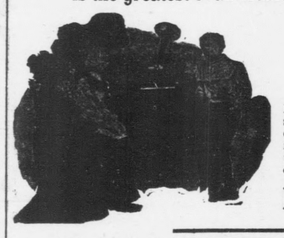

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Abstract from 39th Annual Report of Home Life Insurance Co. of New York. Read it Carefully.

Total amount of premiums received since organization, May 1, 1860, $30,997,839.31.
Total amount paid to policy-holders since organization, $20,954,195.37.
Admitted assets held as security for policy-holders, January 1, 1899, $10,559,150.87.
Total amount paid policy-holders, and the amount now held as security for the payment of their contracts, $31,513,346.14.
Total dividends paid policy-holders since organization, $4,849,598.81.
Surplus on basis of admitted assets valuation, 4 per cent Standard, $1,152,968.02.
Total amount saved policy-holders, from premiums paid, $6,002,504.36.

Insurance in force January 1, 1899, 24,275 Policies, $45,574,381.

THE HOME is one of the strongest life insurance companies whether considered in regard to the quality of its risks, the character of its assets or the proportion of its assets to reserve liability.

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We open wide our doors to of customers who thoughtless open Market and get "Soaked" through like many poor fellows in the ra We give them a change in the form of a guaranteed saving of from 15 to 35 per cent. and send them on their way rejoicing. Shall we make you feel just as comfortable the same way?

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Men's Medium Weight Shirts, natural and white, sizes 34 to 44, silk bound necks, finished with cat stitching, pearl buttons, drawers to match, regular value 75c., **45c.**

New Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, silk bound necks, pearl buttons, all sizes, 34 to 44, drawers to match, worth 25c., **19c.**

Something New—Men's and Boys' Silk Bosom Shirts, fast colors, cambric body to match, gathered backs, felled seams, and gusseted, Shirts made 36 inches long, Bosom of same is 10 inches wide and 16 inches long, they're beauties, worth 75c., Boys' sizes, **47c,** Men's, **50c.**

Men's Imported Half Hose, in plain and fancy colors, including black, tan and fancy stripes, full regular made, regular furnishing store price 50c., here **25c.**

Ladies' Underwear and Hosiery.

Ladies' extra quality Vests, silk bound, short sleeves, regular price 18c., **12½c.**

Ladies' Gauze Drawers, knee lengths, worth 50c., special price, **25c.**

Boys' Heavy School Hosiery, made from best quality, usually sold at 25c., **18c.**

Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, knee length and full length, silk bound neck band, pearl buttons, in grays, **25c.**

Your Hat.

If you insist upon paying $3 00 for a Hat buy it of us, and we will send your wife $1.00.

Shoes! Shoes!

Ladies' Patent Leather Oxfords, **$1.00.**

Ladies' Kid Skin Oxfords, new toes, in patent and dull tips, light flexible soles, **$1.25.**

Old Ladies' Comfort Shoes, all sizes, 2½ to 8, **$1.00.**

Girls' Dongola Button Shoes, sizes only 9, 10, 11, **45c.**

Misses and Children's one strap, patent leather Sandles, **75c.** and **$1.00.**

Little Boys' Calf Skin Shoes, spring heels, sizes 9 to 13½, **85c.**

Men's Leather Slippers, **50c.**

Infants' Dongola Soft Sole Shoes, **20c.**

Men's Russet and Black Vici Kid Shoes, worth $2.50, **$2.00.**

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The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the City of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

The said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the partnership.

The said partnership is to commence on the first day of November, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, and end on the first day of December, A. D., [illegible]

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the City of Wilmington, in New Castle county, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ROBERT S. BAIRD [Seal.]
JAMES C. McCOMB [Seal.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of [illegible]

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Be it Remembered, That on this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county in the State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said Certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their, and each of their, act and deed

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seal.]
Justice of the Peace.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.
April 25th, 1900.

Upon the application of Christopher J. Vandegrift, Executor of Lydia Smith, late of St. George's Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

SEAL

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

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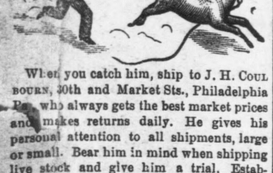

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A DREAM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

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CHAPTER V.

Mr. Hardy was a man of great will power, but this scene with his drunken son crushed him for a moment and seemed to take the very soul out of him. Mrs. Hardy at first uttered a wild cry and then ran forward and, seizing her elder boy, almost dragged him into the house, while Mr. Hardy, recovering from his first shock, looked sternly at the companions of the boy and then shut the door. That night was a night of sorrow in that family. The sorrow of death is not to be compared with it.

But morning came, as it comes alike to the condemned criminal and to the pure hearted child on a holiday, and after a brief and troubled rest Mr. Hardy awoke to his second day, the memory of the night coming to him at first as an ugly dream, but afterward as a terrible reality. His boy drunk! He could not make it seem possible. Yet there in the next room he lay in a drunken stupor, sleeping off the effects of his debauch of the night before. Mr. Hardy fell on his knees and prayed for mercy, again repeating the words, "Almighty God, help me to use the remaining days in the wisest and best manner." Then calming himself by a tremendous effort he rose up and faced the day's work as bravely as any man under such circumstances could.

After a family council, in which all of them were drawn nearer together than they ever had been before on account of their troubles, Mr. Hardy outlined the day's work something as follows:

First, he would go and see James Caxton and talk over the affair with him and Clara. Then he would go down to the office and arrange some necessary details of his business. If possible, he would come home to lunch. In the afternoon he would go to poor Scoville's funeral, which had been arranged for 2 o'clock. Mrs. Hardy announced her intention to go also. Then Mr. Hardy thought he would have a visit with George and spend the evening at home arranging matters with reference to his own death. With this programme in mind he finally went away after an affectionate leave taking with his wife and children.

George slept heavily until the middle of the forenoon and then awoke with a raging headache. Bess had several times during the morning stolen into the room to see if her brother were awake. When he did finally turn over and open his eyes, he saw the young girl standing by the bedside. He groaned as he recalled the night and his mother's look, and Bess said timidly as she laid her hand on his forehead:

"George, I'm so sorry for you! Don't you feel well?"

"I feel as if my head would split open. It aches as if some one was chopping wood inside of it."

"What makes you feel so?" asked Bess innocently. "Did you eat too much supper at the Bramleys'?"

Bess had never seen any one drunk before, and when George was helped to bed the night before by his father and mother she did not understand his condition. She had always adored her big brother. It was not strange she had no idea of his habits.

George looked at his small sister curiously; then, under an impulse he could not explain, he drew her nearer to him and said:

"Bess, I'm a bad fellow. I was drunk last night! Drunk—do you understand? And I've nearly killed mother!"

Bess was aghast at the confession. She put out her hand again.

"Oh, no, George!" Then with a swift revulsion of feeling she drew back and said, "How could you, with father feeling as he does?"

And little Bess, who was a creature of very impulsive emotions, sat down crying on what she supposed was a cushion, but which was George's tall hat, accidentally covered with one end of a comforter which had slipped off the bed. Bess was a very plump little creature, and as she picked herself up and held up the hat George angrily exclaimed:

"You're always smashing my things!" But the next minute he was sorry for the words.

Bess retreated toward the door, quivering under the injustice of the charge. At the door she halted. She had something of Clara's passionate temper, and once in awhile she let even her adored brother George feel it, small as she was.

"George Hardy, if you think more of your old stovepipe hat than you do of your sister, all right. You'll never get any more of my month's allowance. And if I do smash your things I don't come home drunk at night and break mother's heart. That's what she's crying about this morning—that and father's queer ways. Oh, dear, I don't want to live; life is so full of trouble!" And little 12-year-old Bess sobbed in genuine sorrow.

George forgot his headache a minute.

"Come, Bess, come and kiss and make up. Honest, now, I didn't mean it. I was bad to say what I did. I'll buy a dozen hats and let you sit on them for fun. Don't go away angry. I'm so miserable."

He lay down and groaned, and Bess went to him immediately, all her anger vanished.

"Oh, let me get you something to drive away your headache, and I'll bring you up something nice to eat! Mother had Norah save something for you. Didn't you, mother?"

Bessie asked the question just as her mother came in.

Mrs. Hardy said "Yes" and, going up to George, sat down by him and laid her hand on his head, as his sister had done.

The boy moved uneasily. He saw the marks of great suffering on his mother's face, but he said nothing to express sorrow for his disgrace.

"Bess, will you go and get George his breakfast?" asked Mrs. Hardy, and the minute she was gone the mother turned to her son and said:

"George, do you love me?"

George had been expecting something different. He looked at his mother as the tears fell over her face, and all that was still good in him rose up in rebellion against the animal part. He seized his mother's hand and carried it to his lips, kissed it reverently and said in a low tone:

"Mother, I am unworthy. If you knew"—

He checked himself, as if on the verge of confession. His mother waited anxiously and then asked:

"Won't you tell me all?"

"No; I can't."

George shuddered, and at that moment Bess came in bearing a tray with toast and eggs and coffee. Mrs. Hardy left Bess to look after her brother and went out of the room almost abruptly. George looked ashamed and after eating a little told Bess to take the things away. She looked grieved, and he said:

"Can't help it. I'm not hungry. Besides, I don't deserve all this attention. Say, Bess, is father still acting under his impression, or dream, or whatever it was?"

"Yes; he is," replied Bess with much seriousness, "and he is ever so good now and kisses mother and all of us goodby in the morning, and he is kind and ever so good. I don't believe he is in his right mind. Will said yesterday he thought father was non campus meant us, and then he wouldn't tell me what it meant, but I guess he doesn't think father is just right intellectually."

Now and then Bess got hold of a big word and used it a great deal. She said "intellectually" over twice, and George laughed a little, but it was a bitter laugh, not such as a boy of his age has any business to possess. He lay down and appeared to be thinking and after awhile said aloud:

"I wonder if he wouldn't let me have some money while he's feeling that way?"

"Who?" queried Bess. "Father?"

"What! You here still. Curiosity? Better take these things down stairs."

George spoke with his "headache tone," as Clara called it, and Bess without reply gathered up the tray things and went out, while George continued to figure out in his hardly yet sober brain the possibility of his father letting him have more money with which to gamble, and yet in the very next room Mrs. Hardy knelt in an ago-

"James, is it true that you and Clara are engaged?"

ny of petition for that firstborn, crying out of her heart:

"O God, it is more than I can bear! To see him growing away from me so! Dear Lord, be thou merciful to me. Bring him back again to the life he used to live! How proud I was of him! What a joy he was to me! And now, and now! O gracious Father, if thou art truly compassionate, hear me! Has not this foul demon of drink done harm enough? That it should still come into my home! Ah, but I have been indifferent to the cries of other women, but now it strikes me! Spare me, great and powerful Almighty! My boy! my heart's hunger is for him! I would rather see him dead than see him as I saw him last night. Spare me! spare me, O God!"

Thus the mother prayed, dry eyed and almost despairing, while he for whom she prayed that heartbroken prayer calculated, with growing coldness of mind, the chances of getting more money from his father to use in drink and at the gaming table.

O appetite, and thou spirit of gambling! Ye are twin demons with whom many a fair browed young soul today is marching arm in arm down the dread pavement of hell's vestibule, lined with grinning skeletons of past victims, and yet men gravely discuss the probability of evil and think there is no special danger in a little speculation now and then.

Parents say, "Oh, my boy wouldn't do such a thing!" But how many know really and truly what their boy is really doing, and how many of the young men would dare reveal to their mothers or fathers the places where they have been and the amusements they have tasted and the things for which they have spent their money?

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Mr. Hardy went at once to his neighbors, the Caxtons, who lived only a block away. He had not been on speaking terms with the family for some time, and he dreaded the interview with the sensitive dread of a very proud and stern willed man. But two days had made a great change in him. He was a new man in Christ Jesus, and as he rang the bell he prayed for wisdom and humility.

James himself came to the door with his overcoat on and hat in hand, evidently just ready to go down town. He started back at seeing Mr. Hardy.

"Are you going down town? I will not come in then, but walk along with you," said Mr. Hardy quietly.

So James came out, and the two walked along together. There was an awkward pause for a minute; then Mr. Hardy said:

"James, is it true that you and Clara are engaged?"

"No, sir; that is not exactly what you might call engaged. We would like to be."

Mr. Hardy smiled in spite of himself, and James added in a quickened tone, "We would like to be, with your consent, sir."

Mr. Hardy walked on thoughtfully and then glanced at the young man at his side. He was 6 feet tall, not very handsome, as Bessie had frankly said, but he had a good face, a steady, clear blue eye and resolute air, as of one who was willing to work hard to get what he wanted. Mr. Hardy could not help contrasting him with his own prematurely broken down son George, and he groaned inwardly as he thought of the foolish pride that would bar the doors of his family to a young man like James Caxton simply because he was poor and because his father had won in a contested election in which the two older men were candidates for the same office.

It did not take long to think all this. Then he said, looking again at the young man with a businesslike look:

"Supposing you had my permission, what are your prospects for supporting my daughter? She has always had everything she wanted. What could you give her?"

The question might have seemed cold and businesslike. The tone was thoughtful and serious.

A light flashed into James' eyes, but he said simply: "I am in a position to make a thousand dollars a year next spring. I earn something extra with my pen at home."

Mr. Hardy did not reply to this. He said, "Do you know what a willful, quick tempered girl Clara is?"

"I have known her from a little child, Mr. Hardy. I feel as if I knew her about as well as you do."

"Perhaps you know her better than I do. I do not know my child as I should."

The tone was not bitter, but intensely sad. The young man had, of course, been greatly wondering at this talk from Mr. Hardy and had observed the change in his manner and his speech. He looked at him now and noted the pale, almost haggard, face and his extremely thoughtful appearance.

"Mr. Hardy," said James frankly, "you are in trouble. I wish I could"—

"Thank you. No, you can't help me any in this except," continued Mr. Hardy, with a faint smile, "except you solve this trouble between you and my daughter."

"There is no trouble between us, sir," replied James simply. "You know I love her and have loved her for a long time, and I believe I am able to support her and make her happy. Won't you give your consent, sir? We are not children. We know our minds."

James was beginning to speak very earnestly. He was beginning to hope that the stern, proud man who had so curtly dismissed him a little while before would in some unaccountable manner relent and give him his heart's desire.

Mr. Hardy walked along in silence a little way. Then he said almost abruptly:

"James, do you drink?"

"No, sir."

"Or gamble?"

"You forget my mother, Mr. Hardy." The reply was almost stern.

Mrs. Caxton's younger brother had been ruined by gambling. He had come to the house one night, and in a fit of anger because his sister would not give him money to carry on his speculation he had threatened her life. James had interposed and at the risk of his own life had probably saved his mother's. Mrs. Caxton had been so unnerved by the scene that her health had suffered from it seriously. All this had happened when James was growing out of boyhood. But not a day had passed that the young man did not see a sad result of that great gambling passion in his own mother's face and bearing. He loathed the thought of a vice so debasing that it ignored all the tender ties of kindred and was ready to stop at nothing in order to get means for its exercise.

Mr. Hardy knew the story, and he exclaimed: "Forgive me, James. I did not think." Then, after a pause: "Are you a Christian? I mean do you have a faith in the revelation of God to men through Jesus Christ, and do you try to live according to his teachings, with a supreme love for God controlling life? Do you live every day as if it might be the last you would have to live?"

James started. Was Mr. Hardy out of his mind? He had never heard him talk like this before. The idea of Mr. Hardy caring about his religious character in the event of his becoming a son-in-law was an idea too remote for occurrence. He could see, however, that some very powerful change had taken place in Mr. Hardy's usual demeanor. His words also produced a strong effect upon the young man. He was like thousands of young men—temperate, honest, industrious, free from vices, strictly moral, but without any decided religious faith.

"Am I a Christian?" he asked himself, echoing Mr. Hardy's question. No; he could not say that he was. He had never said so to any one. He had, in fact, never been confronted with the question before. So he replied to Mr. Hardy:

"No, sir; I don't think I am what would be called a Christian. As for living as if every day were to be my last—do you think that is possible, sir?"

Mr. Hardy did not answer. He walked along thoughtfully. In the course of the conversation they had reached the corner where the young man turned down to his office, and the two paused.

"I want to have another talk with you," Mr. Hardy said. "Today is Tuesday; say tomorrow evening. I want to see your father also, and"— Mr. Hardy was on the point of saying that he wanted to ask the elder Caxton's forgiveness, but for some reason he stopped without doing so.

James exclaimed eagerly as Mr. Hardy turned to go:

"Then you don't forbid my entertaining some hope of your good will in the matter of my love for Clara?" He lowered his voice and spoke very strongly. "You don't forget your own youth and the way in which you yourself began your home?"

Mr. Hardy answered never a word to this appeal, but looked into the young man's face with a gaze he did not forget all day, then wrung his hand and turned on his heel abruptly and walked rapidly down the street.

James looked after him as he disappeared among the crowds of people going to their business, and then turned to his own tasks. But something in him gave him hope. Another something appealed all day to his inner nature, and he could not shake off the impression of Mr. Hardy's question, "Are you a Christian?" And even when he went home at night that question pursued him more strenuously than any other and would not give him peace.

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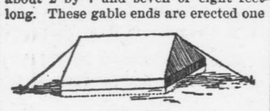
The bed is complete. Now the cover. Two gables are made, the only timbers required being four good stiff pieces about 2 by 7 and seven or eight feet long. These gable ends are erected one



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at each end of the bed and at an angle of about 30 degrees. Next a strong wire is stretched from one gable to the other at the top for a ridgepole. This wire extends on over each gable and down to the ground at each end of the bed, where it is securely staked. If put on properly, this wire makes the gables very solid.

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ODESSA and PORT PENN
FOR
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Thursday, 10th, 5 p.m.	Tuesday, 8, 12½ p.m.	
Monday, 14th, 8 p.m.	Friday, 11th, 2 p.m.	
Thursday, 17th, 11 a.m.	Tuesday, 15th, 5 p.m.	
Monday, 21st, 1½ p.m.	Friday, 18th 7½ p.m.	
Thursday, 24th, 4½ p.m.	Tuesday, 22d 11½ a.m.	
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On and after Nov. 20, 1899, trains will leave Middletown as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A.M.	EXP. A.M.	PAS. P.M.	EXP. P.M.	MAIL P.M.	MAIL P.M.	EXP P.M.
Philadelphia	7.25	10.20	‖ 1.52	‖ 3.46		5.51	11 16
Baltimore	4.10	9.15	12 05	1.46		4.23	7.53
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27		6.38	12 11
Farnhurst	‖ 8.22		‖ 2 44			7.07	
New Castle	8.27		2 49	4.39		7.11	
State Road	‖ 8.33		‖ 2.54			7.17	
Bear	‖ 8.38		‖ 2.59	4.48		7.22	
Porter	8.45		‖ 3.04	4.52		7.28	
Kirkwood	8.50		‖ 3.09			7.33	
Mt. Pleasant	8.55		‖ 3.17			7.41	
Armstrong	‖ 9.03		‖ 3.21			7.46	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18		7.51	12.54
Townsend	9 17		3.34	5 28		7.59	
Blackbird	‖ 9.22		‖ 3.39			8.04	
Gr'n Spring	‖ 9.27		‖ 3.45			8.10	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3.51	5.42		8.16	1 12
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21		8.06	
Brenford	‖ 9.58		‖ 3.59			8.2	
Cheswold	‖ 9.43		‖ 4.04			8.27	
Dupont			‖ 4.07				
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59		8.37	1.31
Wyoming	10.05	‖ 12.29	4 20	6.06		8.43	a 1 39
Woodside	‖ 10 11			‖ 6.11		8.50	
Viola	‖ 10.15			‖ 6.15		8.54	
Felton	10 20	‖ 2.40		6.20		8.59	‖ 1.51
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33		9.11	2.05
Farmington	‖ 10 42			‖ 6.41		‖ 9.19	
Greenwood	‖ 10.50	‖ 1 08		‖ 6.49		‖ 9.28	
Bridgeville	‖ 10.58	‖ 1.16		6.57		9.36	‖ 2 29
Cannons	‖ 11 03			‖ 7 02		‖ 9 38	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 11		9 48	2. 1
Laurel	11 23	‖ 1.37		7.21		9.58	a 2.13
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30		10 08	3.05

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A.M.	MAIL A.M.	EXP. A.M.	MAIL A.M.	EXP. P.M.	PAS. P.M.
Delmar	11.38		7.00	8 00	2 15	3.30
Laurel	‖ 1 21		7.11	8.10	2.28	3 41
Seaford	1.54		7.33	8 24	2 53	3.56
Cannons			‖ 7.38	‖ 8.31		‖ 4 00
Bridgeville	‖ 1.48		7.37	8 37	‖ 2 40	4.11
Greenwood			7.47	‖ 8.45	‖ 2.54	‖ 4.19
Farmington			‖ 7.53	‖ 8.53		‖ 4 27
Harrington	2.3		8.05	9 06	3.08	4.40
Felton	‖ 2.33		8.14	9.16	‖ 3.18	4.49
Viola			8.18	‖ 9 20		‖ 4.53
Woodside			8.22	‖ 9 24		‖ 4.57
Wyoming	p 2.46	6.57	8 2a	9.31	‖ 3 20	5.05
Dover	2.57	7.03	8.37	9.38	3.36	5.11
Dupont		‖ 7.08				
Cheswold		‖ 7.13		‖ 9 48		‖ 5.0
Brenford		‖ 7.18		‖ 9.53		‖ 5.25
Smyrna, LV		7.15	8 4:	9 50	3 41	5.23
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10 00	3.54	5.33
Gr'n Spring		‖ 7.29				‖ 5.37
Blackbird		‖ 7.33		‖ 10.09		‖ 5.43
Townsend		7.40	9 06	10 14	4 07	5.50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.24	4 16	5.58
Armstrong		‖ 7.54				‖ 6.2
Mt Pleasant		7.58		‖ 10 33		6.06
Kirkwood		8.08		10 42		6.16
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.4	4.34	6.22
Bear		‖ 8.20		‖ 10.52		‖ 6.27
State Road		8.25		‖ 10.58		‖ 6.32
New Castle		8.31	9.46	11.04		6.37
Farnhurst		8.36	9 56	‖ 11.09		‖ 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9.58	11.19	4 50	6.5
Baltimore	6 2:	10 34	12 45	2.25	7 10	8.43
Philadelphia	5.10	9 32	10 46	12.06	5 45	7.42

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"t" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 8 13 a. m., 2.35, 4.27 and 6.38 p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 8.31, 9.16, 11.04 a. m., 6.37 p. m week days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8.05 a. m., and arriving at 6.33 p. m., week days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Porter and Newark.

BRANCH ROADS.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.38 a m 6.37 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 1.45 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.25 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.52 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown, Lewes at 10.38 a. m., 6.37 p. m., week-days, Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m. and 3.03 p. m. week-days.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.38 a. m. and 6.37 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 7.02 a m and 2.37 p. m. week days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.21 a. m., and 5.31 p m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.26 a. m., and 2.37 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.38 a. m., and 5.47 p. m., week days Returning, leave Oxford